

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Applicants thank Examiner Davis for the numerous telephone interviews on April 24, 2006, April 27, 2006, May 1, 2006 and May 5, 2006, during which the Examiner proposed amendments to place the claims in condition for allowance. Specifically, it was suggested that claim 24 be amended to clarify that the activated lymphocytes are collected from the patient having liver cancer or another patient having liver cancer (*i.e.*, incorporate the subject matter of claim 25) and to include "liver" between "a" and "cancer patient" in line 3 of the claim. Claim 24 has been so amended. Support can be found in claim 25 and the disclosure at page 4, lines 17-19. Support for the amendment to claim 25 can be found in claim 25 as filed and at page 4, lines 17-19. Therefore, no new matter has been added by this amendment.

Claims 30-35 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer thereto as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants reserve the right to file a continuation or divisional application on any cancelled subject matter.

Claims 24-29 are pending upon entry of this amendment.

Since the claims have been amended as suggested by the Examiner, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and early notice to that affect is hereby requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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